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SUBJECT: NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY (NDU) VISIT TO HUNGARY

REF: BUDAPEST 1321

1. WE ARE VERY PLEASED BY NEWS THAT NDU VISIT HAS BEEN APPROVED. NEEDLESS TO SAY, NDU IS AS WELL.
 2. WITH REGARD TO THE LONG LIST OF SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND INTERESTS OF THE GROUP CONTAINED IN SEPTTEL, DEPARTMENT WANTS TO ASSURE EMBASSY THAT WE REALIZE ALMOST ALL OF THESE ARE VERY SENSITIVE MATTERS FROM THE HUNGARIAN STANDPOINT. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE STRESSED TO SENIOR NDU STAFF (AND WILL REITERATE THE MESSAGE NEXT WEEK DIRECTLY TO THE GROUP WHICH WILL VISIT HUNGARY) THAT: (A) GOH APPROVAL OF VISIT IS A SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH IN US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS (ADDITIONALLY SO IN LIGHT OF POLISH GOVERNMENT'S TURN-DOWN OF SAME GROUP); (B) QUESTIONS POSED BY NDU GROUP AND OBJECTIVES
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OF ICAF MEMBERS (SEPTTEL) ENCOMPASS POLITICALLY CHARGED AND HIGHLY SENSITIVE MATTERS; (C) ALL NDU MEMBERS SHOULD EXERCISE SPECIAL CARE TO BE ON THEIR BEST, MOST DIPLOMATIC BEHAVIOR AND TO AVOID POSING EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS TO THE HUNGARIANS OR IN ANY OTHER WAY CONTRIBUTING TO INCIDENTS OF ANY KIND; (D) GROUP SHOULD BE GUIDED STRICTLY BY ADVICE AND

BRIEFING IT RECEIVES FROM EMBASSY BUDAPEST ON ARRIVAL;
AND (E) CHANCES OF SENDING SIMILIAR NDU GROUPS TO HUNGARY
IN FUTURE WILL VERY MUCH BE BASED ON GOH REACTION TO HOW
THIS FIRST NDU VISIT WORKS IN PRACTICE.

3. WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT, AS APPROPRIATE AND WITH
EMBASSY'S GUIDANCE, GROUP LEADER MAKE MENTION OF WILL-
INGNESS OF USG TO RECEIVE SIMILIAR HUNGARIAN GROUP ON BASIS
OF RECIPROCITY.

4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, SOVIET MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IN-
FORMED US THAT IT WOULD NOT "SPONSOR" NDU VISIT THIS YEAR
BUT WOULD POSE NO OBJECTION IF GROUP WISHED TO VISIT SOVIET
UNION UNDER INTOURIST AUSPICES. THUS, A GROUP PLANS TO
GO ON THAT BASIS. COOPER

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